



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

October 19, 1998

S. 1021

Veterans' Employment Opportunities Act of 1998

As cleared by the Congress on October 8, 1998

S. 1021 would strengthen and broaden the applicability of a set of laws popularly known as veterans' preference, which afford certain veterans preferential treatment in obtaining and keeping federal employment. Enacting this legislation would increase personnel and management costs of the federal government. For most agencies, any increase in spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. S. 1021, however, could increase direct spending by agencies not funded through annual appropriations. With the possible exception of costs for the U.S. Postal Service, the bill's impact on direct spending is not likely to be significant. Spending by the Postal Service is classified as off-budget and is not subject to pay-as-you-go procedures.

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